

SUBJECT: Intention to Designate a Property under
Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act
Name: Archibald Fenwick House
Address: 7 Heritage Corners Lane

PREPARED BY: George Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner, ext. 2296

REVIEWED BY: Regan Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That as recommended by Heritage Markham, the Archibald Fenwick House at 7 Heritage Corners Lane be approved for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest;
- 2) That the Clerk's Department be authorized to publish and serve Council's Notice of Intention to Designate as per the requirements of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- 3) That if there are no objections to the designation in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be authorized to place a designation by-law before Council for adoption;
- 4) That if there are any objections in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act, the Clerk be directed to refer the proposed designation to the Ontario Conservation Review Board;
- 5) And that Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Not Applicable

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to recommend to Council that the "Archibald Fenwick House" be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

BACKGROUND:**The building is listed on the City of Markham Register**

The subject building is located at 7 Heritage Corners Lane. It is included in the Markham Register of Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest. The Register is the City's inventory of non-designated properties identified as having cultural heritage value or interest, as well as Part IV properties (individual designations) and Part V properties (district designation).

The Archibald Fenwick House is a good example of an Ontario Regency Cottage style dwelling of the 1840s period

The Archibald Fenwick House, c.1845, is a good example of an Ontario Regency Cottage. It was built by the son of Captain James Fenwick of the crossroads community of Cashel. The house is noteworthy for the triple French doors on the front façade, its

Flemish bond brickwork, and cut stone lintels. The exterior has been restored to its original condition, complete with a bellcast-roofed verandah.

The Statement of Significance is attached as Appendix 'A'.

The building has been assessed using the Ministry of Culture's Designation Criteria

The Government of Ontario on January 25, 2006 passed a regulation (O.Reg. 9/16) which prescribes criteria for determining a property's cultural heritage value or interest for the purpose of designation. Municipal councils are permitted to designate a property to be of cultural heritage value or interest if the property meets the prescribed criteria.

The purpose of the regulation is to provide an objective base for the determination and evaluation of resources of cultural heritage value. The prescribed criteria help ensure the effective, comprehensive and consistent determination of value or interest by all Ontario municipalities. The criteria are essentially a test against which properties can be judged; the stronger the characteristics of the property compared to the standard, the greater the property's cultural heritage value. The property may be designated if it meets one or more of the criteria.

The subject property has cultural heritage value or interest as it meets the following criteria:

- The property has design value or physical value because it:
 - Is a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type expression, material or construction method (the Fenwick House is a good example of an Ontario Regency Cottage),
 - Displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit (the triple French doors, Flemish bond brickwork and stone lintels are outstanding architectural features),
- The property has historical value or associative value because it:
 - Has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community (this was the home of Archibald Fenwick, a successful farmer and a member of an important local family in the community of Cashel);
- The property has contextual value because it:
 - Is important in defining , maintaining or supporting the character of an area (the Fenwick House, relocated to Markham Heritage Estates, helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings).

Heritage Markham has recommended designation

The designation process under the Ontario Heritage Act requires a municipal council to consult with its municipal heritage committee when properties are considered for designation. The cultural heritage value of this heritage resource was reviewed by Heritage Markham on April 9, 2014 and the committee has recommended that the

resource be designated as a property of cultural heritage value or interest (Heritage Markham Extract, Appendix 'B').

OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**The heritage designation of the heritage resource is consistent with City policies**

The City of Markham Official Plan contains Cultural Heritage policies related to the protection and preservation of heritage resources and how they are to be treated within the development process of an area. With respect to Markham Heritage Estates, all buildings relocated and restored in this community are required to be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Heritage Designation is a condition in the Site Plan Agreement

The Site Plan Agreement for the relocation and restoration of the heritage building includes a condition that the property be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. Heritage Designation ensures that the significant architectural attributes are identified and protected. The owners are aware of this requirement as a condition of the Site Plan Agreement that they signed in 2009. Another condition of the Site Plan Agreement is that the owners will enter into a Heritage Conservation Easement with the City.

Designation acknowledges the importance of the heritage resource

Designation signifies to both the owner and the broader community that the property contains a significant resource that is important to the community. Designation doesn't restrict the use of the property. However, it does require the owner to seek approval for property alterations that are likely to affect the heritage attributes described in the designation by-law. Council can also prevent, rather than just delay, the demolition of a resource on a designated heritage property.

The designation of this cultural heritage resource is supported by staff.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND TEMPLATE: (external link)

Not Applicable

HUMAN RESOURCES CONSIDERATIONS

Not Applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Heritage designation aligns with the strategic priorities of Managed Growth and Environment. Designation recognizes, promotes and protects heritage resources, which strengthens the sense of community. The preservation of heritage buildings is environmentally sustainable because it conserves embodied energy, diverts sound construction materials from entering landfill sites, and reduces the need to produce and transport new construction materials.

BUSINESS UNITS CONSULTED AND AFFECTED:

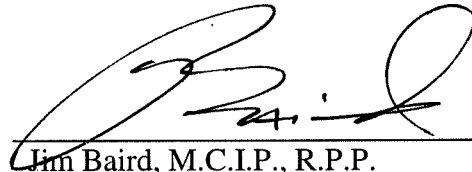
Acceptance of this recommendation to designate the property located at 7 Heritage Corners Lane under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act will require the Clerk's Department to initiate the following actions:

- publish and serve on the property owner, the Ontario Heritage Trust and the public through newspaper advertisement, Council's notice of intention to designate the property as per the requirements of the Act: and
- prepare the designation by-law for the property

RECOMMENDED BY:



Rino Mostacci, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Director of Planning & Urban Design



Jim Baird, M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Commissioner of Development Services

ATTACHMENTS

Figure 1 - Owner/Agent and Location Map

Figure 2 - Building Photograph

Appendix 'A' - Statement of Significance

Appendix 'B' - Heritage Markham Extract

FIGURE 1

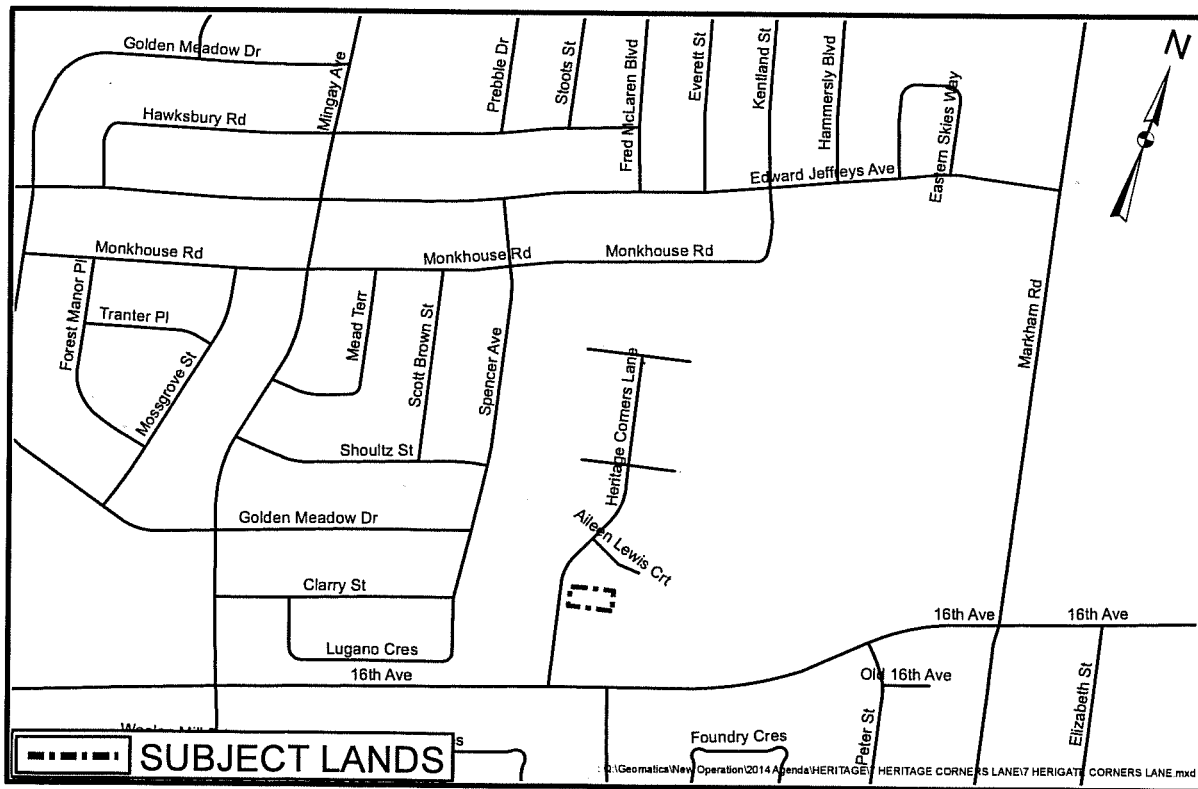
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OWNER:

Kari and Chi-Sam Tran

LOCATION MAP:



STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Archibald Fenwick House

c.1845

7 Heritage Corners Lane

The Archibald Fenwick House is recommended for designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as described in following Statement of Significance.

Description of Property

The Archibald Fenwick House is located on the east side of Heritage Corners Lane, within the Markham Heritage Estates community of relocated heritage houses. The house was relocated from its original location at 4551 Elgin Mills Road, in the historic community of Cashel, in 2009.

Design and Physical Value

The Archibald Fenwick House has design and physical value as an excellent example of a restored Ontario Regency Cottage in red brick, accented with white brick quoins and cut stone lintels. The one storey, hip roofed house is noteworthy for its four chimneys and the triple set of Regency style French doors on the front, restored following the relocation of the house to Markham Heritage Estates. The gable roofed frame rear wing is a reconstructed version of a later kitchen/woodshed addition that formerly existed in the same location.

Historical and Associative Value

The property has historical and associative value as the former home of Archibald Hugh Fenwick (1813-1868), a prosperous farmer and the owner of considerable property in the community of Cashel, Markham Township. The son of Captain James Fenwick and Ellen Thomson, Archibald Fenwick originally lived on the family homestead on Lot 26, Concession 5, which contained a sawmill, store, distillery and inn all established by his enterprising father. In 1844, Archibald Fenwick purchased the north 100 acres of Lot 25, Concession 6, and built this fine brick house about this time.

Contextual Value

The Archibald Fenwick House has contextual value as a restored building from the Cashel community, relocated in 2009 to Markham Heritage Estates to save it from demolition due to abandonment. In its present context, the house helps illustrate the range of architectural styles, building materials, and cultural backgrounds of the City's heritage buildings.

Significant Architectural Attributes

Character-defining attributes that embody the cultural heritage value of the Archibald Fenwick House include:

Brick Portion

- Overall form of the house, with its rectangular plan and one storey height;
- Fieldstone facing on the foundation;
- Red brick walls with Flemish bond on the front wall and common bond on the other walls, white brick quoins, projecting brick plinth, and cut stone lintels;
- The three bay front with three restored French doors with rectilinear Regency style glazing and panelled aprons;
- Restored tent-roofed front verandah supported on wood treillage posts;
- Restored wooden 12 over 12 sash style windows on the side walls, with their wood brick moulds and projecting sills;
- Restored wooden 12 over 8 sash style windows on the rear wall, with their wood brick moulds and projecting sills;
- Glazed and panelled wood rear door with its multi-paned transom light
- Low-pitched, wood shingled hipped roof, with wide, overhanging eaves, associated wood trim and mouldings, and four restored brick chimneys;

Frame Portion

- Overall form of the single storey rear wing, with its rectangular plan, offset on the rear wall of the brick portion of the house;
- Restored vertical wood tongue and groove siding;
- Medium-pitched, wood-shingled gable roof with its associated wood trim and mouldings;
- Wooden 2 over 2 sash style windows with the associate wood sills and trim.
- Regency style small paned wood window on the rear elevation;
- Small batten door on the north wall;
- 6 panel wood doors.

HERITAGE MARKHAM
EXTRACT

APPENDIX B

DATE: April 11, 2014
TO: G. Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner

EXTRACT CONTAINING ITEM #9 OF THE FOURTH HERITAGE MARKHAM
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON April 9, 2014.

9. **Heritage Designation -
Designation under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act -
Archibald Fenwick House
7 Heritage Corners Lane, Markham Heritage Estates (16.11)**
Extracts: R. Hutcheson, Manager of Heritage Planning
G. Duncan, Senior Heritage Planner
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HERITAGE MARKHAM RECOMMENDS:

That Heritage Markham recommends to Council that the Archibald Fenwick House at 7 Heritage Corners Lane be designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act as a property of cultural heritage value or interest.

CARRIED

Figure 2: Archibald Fenwick House

